

PROJECT IMPACTS

State and federal requirements are in place to minimize impacts to important area resources.

Historic Resources

- **Historic Properties:** There are five National Register listed properties along the project corridor. Federal law requires that all possible measures be taken to avoid impacting these important connections with the past.



The Governor Biggs Farm is an important historic resource in the project area.

- **Archaeological Resources:** Federal law also protects below ground historic resources. DelDOT is conducting archaeological investigations to determine and prevent any possible impacts.

Natural Resources

- **Wetlands:** The Army Corp of Engineers requires a minimal impact to wetlands. It is estimated that about .5 acre of wetlands will be impacted by the Choptank Road improvements. DelDOT will mitigate this impact by constructing .5 acre of new wetlands.
- **Trees:** Delaware policy requires landscaping and reforestation for transportation projects. It is estimated that the Choptank Road improvements will require a total of 1-1.5 acres of new trees to be planted in the corridor. Part of this mitigation will go to replace picturesque trees alongside Choptank Road removed by construction.



Trees that need to be removed, such as these near Bethel Church Road, will be replaced.

Takings

- **Private Property:** In order to accommodate the widening of Choptank Road and construction of drainage features, DelDOT will have to use its power of eminent domain. There are an estimated 96 takings for this project. Nearly every property along the road is affected, though the vast majority of takings will consist of small strips of land near the existing right of way. There are no total takings.

DelDOT will be contacting property owners privately to discuss any takings.



Many private properties along Choptank Road will be affected by the road improvements.